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SUBJECT: CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE SYSTEM

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1. MISSION BELIEVES EUCOM EFFORTS TOWARD CONTINGENCY PLANS TO COVER POSSIBLE DEADLINE IN BUDGETARY NEGOTIATIONS ARE USEFUL TO THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. HOPEFULLY EUCOM CONTINGENCY PLANNING WILL BE DETECTED BY COMPANIES AND ALLIED CAPITALS AND COULD THUS INDUCE RECALCITRANT ALLIES TO MODIFY THEIR POSITIONS.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT DEFENSE WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO AGREE TO SHUT DOWN OF THE NATO PIPELINE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY ALLY HAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED THAT ALTERNATIVE. MORE PROBABLE RESULT IF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BOG DOWN WOULD BE TAKEOVER BY HOST NATIONS OF FINANCING OF NATIONAL OPERATING DIVISIONS

WE DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE MATTER WILL GO THAT FAR; BUT  
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RATHER THAT BARGAINING SESSION COMMENCING 9 SEPTEMBER WILL BE SERIOUS AND RESULT EVENTUALLY IN A REALISTIC AGREEMENT. IF THIS EFFORT FAILS, MISSION THEN FAVOR REFERENCE OF THE MATTER TO THE EIGHT PERM REPS INVOLVED AND WOULD WORK WITH DE STAERCKE, WHO

IS PERSONALLY RECEPTIVE TO US POSITION, TO ACHIEVE SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY IN OTHER ALLIES POSITIONS TO RESULT IN FORMULA US COULD ACCEPT (US SHARE OF 20 PCT OR LESS).

3. MISSION IS CONVINCED THAT, HAVING TAKEN HARD LINE SINCE NOVEMBER, US CAPITULATION AT THIS POINT TO AN ALLIED POSITION REQUIR- IN A LARGER US SHARE WOULD DOOM FUTURE US EFFORTS TO REDUCE OUR PERCENTAGE, TO ELIMINATE DEFICIT, OR EVEN TO EFFECT MINOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SHODDY MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE.

4. WE INTEND THEREFORE, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, TO PLAY OUR HAND FORCEFULLY WHILE KEEPING US MILITARY NEEDS IN MIND.  
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